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AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2002:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (twice amended) A nasopharyngeal catheter to deliver a flow of air/oxygen into a patient's distal nasopharynx or oropharynx to supplement a patient's spontaneous respiration, said nasopharyngeal catheter comprising:

a nasal catheter having a proximal end and a distal end adapted to extend through a patient's nose and into the patient's distal nasopharynx or oropharynx without obstructing the patient's spontaneous respiration;

a delivery tube adapted to extend below the patient's nostril connected to the proximal end of the nasal catheter; and